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Upcoming EPA Region 7 Events by Division

* New additions noted with an asterisk

RA:

11/9/15 – Meeting with Missouri Attorney General, Jefferson City, Mo. Contact: Lynn Juett, 7883

11/10/15 – Meeting with GSA Region 6 Administrator on Executive Order requirement for EPA/GSA climate change program development through Federal Executive Board, Regional Office. Contact: Chris Taylor, 7736

11/12/15 – National Association of Farm Broadcasters Convention, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

11/30/15 - Process Excellence Improvement Training, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Jonathan Cooper, 7287

12/8-9/15 - Four State Directors Meeting, Regional Office. Contact: Dick Sumpter, 7661

DRA:

11/17-18/15 - Executive Management Council Meeting, Washington D.C. Contact: Dana Peters, 7444

12/8-9/15 - Four State Directors Meeting, Regional Office. Contact: Dick Sumpter, 7661

10/29/15 – Regional Recognition Ceremony, Regional Office, Contact: Monica Espinosa, 7541

11/10/15 – Meeting with GSA Region 6 Administrator on Executive Order requirement for EPA/GSA climate change program development through Federal Executive Board, Regional Office. Contact: Chris Taylor, 7736

RA/Immediate Office

None

Other Events

AWMD

11/3-5/15 – Air Program Managers meeting, Chicago, Ill. Contacts: Mike Jay/Amy Algoe-Eakin, 7460/7942

11/3-4/15 - Iowa Energy Summit, Altoona, Iowa. Staffing ENERGY STAR display. Contact: Craig Bernstein 7688

***11/4/15** – Meeting with Operation Brightside and Unified Government on Food Recovery, Kansas City, Kan. Contact: Jim Callier, 7646

11/4-5/15 – RCRA division directors meeting, Washington, DC. Contact: Becky Weber, 7487

***11/5/15** - Missouri RegForm - presentation on RCRA FIRST Tools, Jefferson City, Mo. Contact: Don Lininger, 7724

***11/17/15** – Prescribed burn workshop for Kansas counties, Horton, Kan. Contact: Gina Grier, 7078

***11/10/15** – EPA Food Recovery Week of Action event at Haskell University, Lawrence, Kan. Contact: Jim Callier, 7646

***11/18-19/15** – Pollution Prevention (P2) Roundtable Meeting, Regional Office. Contact: Jim Callier, 7646

CNSL

None

ECO

11/18- 19/15 – MDNR Integrated Compliance Information System–National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (ICIS-NPDES) HQ Training, Jefferson City, Mo. Contact: Neal Gilbert, 7985

ENST

***11/02/15** – MESB staff will deploy to the York PCE site to provide on-site analytical support as part of ongoing site characterization activities. Contact: Mike Davis, 5042

***11/02/15** – A team of two MESB staff will deploy to Osceola, Iowa to support the Iowa Use Attainability Analysis Study. Contact: Gary Welker, 7177

***11/02/15** – A team of two MESB staff will deploy to Burlington / Cedar Rapids, Iowa to support the Iowa Use Attainability Analysis Study. Contact: Gary Welker, 7177

***11/04/15** – A team of two MESB staff will deploy to Newton, Iowa to support the Iowa Use Attainability Analysis Study. Contact: Gary Welker, 7177

***11/06/15** – A team of two MESB staff will deploy to Salina, Kan. to support mobile laboratory analysis of e-coli samples. Contact: Laura Webb, 7435

11/15/15 – Monitoring & Environmental Services Branch staff will attend the 8th Annual Symposium on Harmful Algal Blooms in the United States for training on new techniques and technology. Contact: Mike Davis, 5042

11/16-20/15 – Quality Assurance Training at Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Diane Harris, 7258

PLMG

***11/17/15** – FEMA RiskMap workshop in Kansas City, Mo. Contact: David Doyle, 7667

***11/18-19/15** – Strong Cities, Strong Communities team meeting in St. Louis, Mo. Contact David Doyle, 7667.

***11/21/15**- 39th Street Corridor Redevelopment pubic involvement meeting at Ivanhoe Neighborhood Council Center, Kansas City, Mo. Contact David Doyle, 7667.

RA/OPA

11/6/15 – Ag Future of America Career Fair, Westin Kansas City at Crown Center, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

SUPR

11/1-4/15 – Superfund Director's Meeting, Washington DC: contact Mary Peterson, 7882

***11/4/15** – Meeting with City of Iola Administrator and KDHE at 10:00 a.m. to discuss further clean-up actions for non-residential properties associated with the former United Zinc site (e.g., Coberly Facility, East Iola Facility and neighboring properties, and the former IMP Boat plant area). Iola, Kan. Contact: Don Bahnke, 7747

WWPD

11/2-3/15 – Hypoxia Task Force Meeting, Washington, DC. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782

***11/4-5/15** – Nebraska Section of the American Water Works Association Fall Conference, Kearney, Neb. Contact: Mark Matthews, 7635

11/2-5/15 – Council of Infrastructure Financing Authorities State Revolving Fund Workshop, Tampa, Fla. Contact: Christopher Simmons, 7237

11/4-5/15 – Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Lead-Based Paint Program Review, Lincoln, Neb. Contacts: Crystal McIntyre, 7261, Maria Morey, 7079

11/4-6/15 – EPA Water Division Directors Meeting, Atlanta, Ga. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782

11/10-12/15 – Ground Water Protection Council peer review of Nebraska Oil and Gas Commission, Class II Underground Injection Control Program, Sidney, Neb. Contact: Kurt Hildebrandt, 7413

11/12/15 – Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) Climate Resilience Workshop, Kansas City, Mo. Contacts: Amy Shields, 7396, Roberta Vogel-Leutung, 7072

11/17-18/15 – Iowa Department of Natural Resources Annual Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Review, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Gabrielle Thompson, 7569

11/18-19/15 – Kansas Governor's Conference on the Future of Water in Kansas, Manhattan, Kan. Contact: Amy Shields, 7396

Congressional Inquiries:

Sen. Deb Fischer (Neb.) – 10/22/15 – Email – Requests lead paint regulatory/enforcement actions by Region 7 within the state of Nebraska from 2005-2015. Due: 10/30/15. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (closed)

Sen. Ben Sasse (Neb.) – 10/20/15 – Email – Questions about Creosote-Treated Crossties (Non-Hazardous Secondary Materials Rule). Due: 10/22/15. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (closed)

Sen. Roy Blunt (Mo.) – 10/16/15 – Phone inquiry – Update on the lead cleanup work being done in Southeast Missouri. Due: 10/22/15. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

State Government Inquiries:

Rep. Margo McNeil – 10/21/15 – Email – Follow-up questions from state legislator phone briefing related to West Lake Landfill Superfund Site. Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364 (open)

Press Inquiries:

Inside EPA – Bridget DiCosmo – 8/3/15 – Requesting interview with Acting Regional Administrator Mark Hague on EPA's e-enterprise efforts. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (open)

KIOS 91.5, Omaha Public Radio – Cheril Lee – 10/19/15 – Requests interview about the newly awarded Environmental Justice Small Grant to Together Incorporated of Metropolitan Omaha. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

Korean Broadcasting System – Bae Rhee – 10/29/15 – Requesting interview with Region 7 about the West Lake Landfill Superfund Site in Bridgeton, Mo. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (open)

Press Releases:

Link to all R7 press releases: <http://go.usa.gov/Qx5>

None

Fact Sheets:

Link to all R7 fact sheets: <http://www.epa.gov/region7/factsheets>

None

Environmental Stories:

St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Pointing fingers: Exelon says feds knew radioactive waste was being dumped at landfill - 11/1/15 - During three months in 1973, dump trucks carrying more than 40,000 tons of dirt made their way from a site near the airport to a landfill on the western edge of St. Louis County. http://www.stltoday.com/business/local/pointing-fingers-exelon-says-feds-knew-radioactive-waste-was-being/article_d41d1052-2d80-53e9-afc0-6d531c5cdbdf.html

Springfield (Mo.) News Leader - McCaskill will vote to nix controversial water rule - 10/30/15 - Sen. Claire McCaskill plans to oppose a controversial Obama administration proposal that aims to regulate streams, wetlands and other waters. <http://www.news-leader.com/story/news/politics/2015/10/30/mccaskill-vote-nix-controversial-water-rule/74902856/>

Omaha World-Herald - Citing health concerns, Lancaster County readies new rules on wind turbines - 11/1/15 - when a German-based corporation announced plans last year to erect 54 wind turbines near the couple's 6-acre plot, Chapman turned into an activist, digging into the available reports on the economic and health impacts of wind farms. http://www.omaha.com/news/nebraska/citing-health-concerns-lancaster-county-readies-new-rules-on-wind/article_e3b10616-c528-5e34-a004-1d748fbf2fa3.html

Lincoln (Neb.) Journal-Star - EPA may ban common pesticide used in Nebraska - 11/1/15 - A pesticide used commonly on corn and soybeans in Nebraska and on citrus, almonds and other crops

would be banned under a proposal announced Friday by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.
http://journalstar.com/news/state-and-regional/epa-may-ban-common-pesticide-used-in-nebraska/article_677bdb6b-bf41-5b53-8a20-86096bbd9e8f.html

Consumerist - EPA May Finally Ban Toxic Pesticide For Food Use - 10/30/15 - A federal agency entrusted with protecting the health of Americans has finally gotten around to doing the job it's paid to do by taxpayers. And once again, the only reason this agency is doing anything is because a court has ordered it to. <http://consumerist.com/2015/10/30/epa-may-finally-ban-toxic-pesticide-for-food-use/>

Omaha Public Radio/NPR - International Leaders To Discuss Substances That Cause Global Warming - 10/30/15 - Problem is, countries replaced ozone-depleting substances with something called hydrofluorocarbons, or HFCs. HFCs don't eat up the ozone layer, but they do warm up the atmosphere. <http://kios.org/post/international-leaders-discuss-substances-cause-global-warming>

Lincoln (Neb.) Journal-Star - Energy advocacy groups suspicious of state efforts to address Clean Power Plan - 10/31/15 - Nebraska advocacy groups are blasting Gov. Pete Ricketts' administration for meeting behind closed doors to work on strategies to reduce the state's carbon emissions. http://journalstar.com/news/state-and-regional/nebraska/energy-advocacy-groups-suspicious-of-state-efforts-to-address-clean/article_ac3f9160-5dbe-5732-b3e9-c4ae712e9735.html

KOMU Channel 8 Columbia - Callaway Co. group seeks evidence against hog farm commission - 11/1/15 - The lawyer for a Callaway County group fighting a proposed hog farm was seeking evidence Sunday against the committee that was formed to determine the farm's fate. <http://www.komu.com/news/callaway-co-group-seeks-evidence-against-hog-farm-commission/>

Hannibal (Mo.) Courier Post - Hannibal's water treatment now includes new UV system - 10/30/15 - The new ultraviolet (UV) portion of Hannibal's water system is now operational. Following two days of testing and calibration, plus another day of training for the operators, the system went into service on Thursday, Oct. 29. <http://www.hannibal.net/article/20151030/NEWS/151039917>

Hooser Ag Today - DuPont Celebrates the Opening of the World's Largest Cellulosic Ethanol Plant - 11/2/15 - DuPont celebrated the opening of its cellulosic biofuel facility in Nevada, Iowa, with a ceremony including Iowa Gov. Terry Brandstad and many other dignitaries. This biorefinery is the world's largest cellulosic ethanol plant. <http://www.hoosieragtoday.com/duPont-celebrates-the-opening-of-the-worlds-largest-cellulosic-ethanol-plant/>

Radio Iowa - Stover baled in fields, awaits processing in new cellulosic ethanol plant - 11/1/15 - A new "cellulosic" ethanol plant is open in central Iowa. The operation will convert the "stover" from corn fields — the corn stalks and corn cobs left over after the harvest — into ethanol. Once it reaches full

capacity, the plant near Nevada will produce 30 million gallons ethanol each year.

<http://www.radioiowa.com/2015/11/01/stover-baled-in-fields-awaiting-processing-in-new-cellulosic-ethanol-plant/>

Cedar Rapids (Iowa) Gazette - Group looks upstream for ideas to improve Iowa water quality -

10/31/15 - Water quality trading, in its infancy in Iowa, holds promise for helping to reduce nutrient pollution of state waters. Water quality trading operates on the premise that it costs less to keep nutrients out of the water than to remove them at drinking water and wastewater treatment plants.

<http://www.thegazette.com/subject/news/government/group-looks-upstream-for-ideas-to-improve-iowa-water-quality-20151031>

Waterloo-Cedar Falls (Iowa) Courier - Farmers can solve water problems without overreach of regulators -

11/1/15 - Iowa's farm industry has created numerous industry-led efforts designed to address water issues. Public and private agencies are working with farmers to develop management strategies to reach that end. http://wcfcourier.com/business/local/farmers-can-solve-water-problems-without-overreach-of-regulators/article_4cfa6151-c1c3-5261-98aa-1b764d1494ca.html

West NewsMagazine - Ironie Mountain - 11/2/15 - A St. Charles tourist attraction sits atop disposal cell containing radioactive waste. The third-graders from Kennerly Elementary in the Lindbergh School District fidgeted a bit during Kevin McCarthy's presentation inside the interpretive center that sits on what once was the Weldon Spring Chemical plant in southwestern St. Charles County, not far from Interstate 64.

<http://westnewsmagazine.com/2015/11/02/62118/ironic-mountain>

Centerville (Iowa) Daily Iowegian - Grassley says, It's no trick: Cellulosic ethanol a treat for Iowa economy -

11/1/15 - Iowa is widely known for our first-rate hospitality, first-in-the-nation presidential caucuses and first-class production of corn, soybeans, pork and eggs. Fewer people may realize that our state also is a rising star in America's clean energy renaissance.

http://www.dailyiowegian.com/opinion/columns/it-s-no-trick-cellulosic-ethanol-a-treat-for-iowa/article_d88f52d2-b718-5759-9d4b-abfa5b3a2d87.html

McPherson (Kan.) Sentinel - Old landfills in need of maintenance - 11/2/15 - The Kansas Department of Health and Environment has identified at least a dozen old city landfills in McPherson County that are in need of some kind of maintenance.

<http://www.mcphersonsentinel.com/article/20151102/NEWS/151109941>

KOLR Ch. 10 Springfield, Mo. - Proposed Rule to Change 43-Year-Old Water Law -

11/2/15 - The Environmental Protection Agency introduced the Clean Water Rule to help clarify which waters it began protecting in the early 1970s. The Clean Water Act says any navigable water falls under their jurisdiction. The Clean Water Rule may include headwaters and other bodies of water that flow into the navigable streams. <http://www.ozarksfirst.com/news/proposed-rule-to-change-43-year-old-water-law>

Washington Examiner - Obscure part of Clean Air Act could kill Obama's climate plan - 11/2/15 - Congress is poised to kill the legal justification for President Obama's Clean Power Plan by eliminating an obscure passage in Clean Air Act amendments passed in the early 1990s.

<http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/obscure-part-of-clean-air-act-could-kill-obamas-climate-plan/article/2575448>

Associated Press - EPA says Volkswagen cheated a 2nd time on pollution tests - 11/2/15 - The U.S. government says Volkswagen cheated a second time on emissions tests, programming about 10,000 cars with larger diesel engines to emit fewer pollutants during testing than in real-world driving conditions. http://www.stltoday.com/business/local/epa-says-volkswagen-cheated-a-nd-time-on-pollution-tests/article_e02a20e4-436b-587a-ae7a-7f9061fcc9ab.html

White House (blog) - The World's Climate Targets: Major Steps Toward our Climate Goals - 10/30/15 - We now have an opportunity to take a big step toward the goal of an ambitious and effective global framework for addressing climate change. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2015/10/30/worlds-climate-targets-major-steps-toward-our-climate-goals>

AgWired - Agri-Pulse Open Mic with Sen. Joni Ernst - 11/2/15 - In this week's Open Mic Interview U.S. Senator Joni Ernst shares her thoughts on proposed legislative action to block the EPA's new clean water rules, the economic significance of the agency's RFS volume obligation announcement, long term funding for the Highway Trust Fund and why Washington should address GMO food labeling. <http://agwired.com/2015/11/02/agri-pulse-open-mic-with-sen-joni-ernst/>

House Energy & Commerce Committee (release) - Upton, Murphy, Whitfield Press EPA On Agency Delay Of Routine, Nonpartisan Codification of Law - 11/2/15 - Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Fred Upton (R-MI), Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee Chairman Tim Murphy (R-PA), and Energy and Power Subcommittee Chairman Ed Whitfield (R-KY) today sent a letter to EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy seeking further information concerning apparent efforts by the agency to prevent the codification of an important provision of the Clean Air Act. <http://energycommerce.house.gov/press-release/upton-murphy-whitfield-press-epa-agency-delay-routine-nonpartisan-codification-law>

In These Times - Why the United States Leaves Deadly Chemicals on the Market - 11/2/15 - A six-month investigation finds that the revolving door between government and private industry has led the EPA to rely on potentially skewed research. <http://inthesetimes.com/article/18504/epa-government-scientists-and-chemical-industry-links-influence-regulations>

The New Yorker - Will Conservatives Finally Embrace Clean Energy? – 11/1/15 - It's a privilege for me to be with people who believe that Jesus Christ is their personal savior and who are politically

conservative,” Grassley said, “And it’s a privilege to get to speak to you about the virtues of a strong energy policy.” That rhetorical jump might have sounded abrupt to a passerby, but to the crowd it made perfect sense. <http://www.newyorker.com/tech/elements/will-conservatives-finally-embrace-clean-energy>

Greenwire - Wetland case seen as 'no-brainer' for Supreme Court review - 11/1/15 - The court is considering whether to take on a case, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers v. Hawkes Company Inc., that involves assessing whether federal regulators' determinations of areas qualifying for Clean Water Act protections may be challenged in court. <http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1060027218/>

Utility DIVE - How utilities are getting in on the transmission building boom - 10/29/15 - Expansion of renewable resources and new gas generation under the Clean Power Plan is expected to require thousands of miles of new transmission infrastructure in the coming years, and increasingly utilities are getting in on the race to build it. <http://www.utilitydive.com/news/how-utilities-are-getting-in-on-the-transmission-building-boom/407918/>

Inside EPA - EPA Poised To Unveil Revised 'Exceptional Events' - 10/30/15 - EPA is on track to release in November a proposed rule and white paper revising parts of its “exceptional events” policy that allows states to claim Clean Air Act waivers for some air pollution associated with unplanned, uncontrollable emissions such as those caused by wildfires or naturally occurring “background” ozone, sources say. <http://insideepa.com/daily-news/epa-poised-unveil-revised-%E2%80%98exceptional-events%E2%80%99-air-policy-november>

Inside EPA - EPA Completes Boiler MACT Reconsideration - 10/30/15 - EPA has completed reconsideration of certain aspects of its boiler air toxics rules setting maximum achievable control technology (MACT) for the sector, pleasing forestry industry groups that lobbied the agency to make changes and issue them before any requirements take effect early next year. <http://insideepa.com/news-briefs/epa-completes-boiler-mact-reconsideration>

U.S. News & World Report - 61 Percent of Public Supports Clean Power Plan in States Suing to Stop It - 11/02/15 - Twenty-six attorneys general have sued to stop the EPA rule, despite its support from most voters and even some governors. <http://www.usnews.com/news/blogs/data-mine/2015/11/02/61-percent-of-public-supports-clean-power-plan-in-states-suing-to-stop-it>

Greenwire - Residents of suing states back emission limits -- analysis - 11/2/15 - A majority of adults in most states that are suing over the Clean Power Plan support the Obama administration's effort to reduce carbon dioxide emissions from power plants, according to a Yale University analysis. <http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/2015/11/02/stories/1060027265>

Domestic Fuel - CBC to EPA: Commit to the RFS - 11/2/15 - Congressional Black Caucus LogoSixteen

members of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) have sent a letter to EPA today calling on the agency to get back on track with the Renewable Fuels Standard (RFS) and strengthen the biofuels volume requirements. <http://energy.agwired.com/2015/11/02/cbc-to-epa-commit-to-the-rfs/>

Brownfield Ag News - Ag businesses support mandatory energy efficiency - 11/2/15 - The Michigan Agri-Business Association is calling for mandatory energy efficiency requirements of the state's utilities. President Jim Byrum tells Brownfield the agricultural industry is concerned the programs will be phased out. <http://brownfieldagnews.com/2015/11/02/ag-businesses-support-mandatory-energy-efficiency/>

The Hill - Business leaders will bring politicians to the table on climate change - 11/2/15 - Now that the majority of people in both political parties accept that climate change is occurring, Washington's top task is to catch up with the rest of the country — particularly business and farming communities — and engage in a real debate about practical solutions. <http://thehill.com/blogs/pundits-blog/energy-environment/258800-business-leaders-will-bring-politicians-to-the-table-on>

E&E Daily - Panel of GOP critics to dig into RFS as EPA deadline looms - 11/2/15 - Two House Science, Space and Technology subcommittees this week will take up the federal renewable fuel standard in what will likely be a contentious hearing. <http://www.eenews.net/eedaily/stories/1060027243/>

Christian Science Monitor - Why nuclear will sustain our low-carbon future - 11/2/15 - Bridging the gap between the world's climate aspirations and the need for clean, reliable power means nuclear energy will be essential. <http://www.csmonitor.com/Environment/Energy-Voices/2015/1102/Why-nuclear-will-sustain-our-low-carbon-future>

Christian Science Monitor - Antarctica is actually gaining ice, says NASA. Is global warming over? - 11/1/15 - Not quite, scientists say. But new study results show the fallibility of current climate change measuring tools and challenges current theories about the causes of sea level rise. <http://www.csmonitor.com/Science/2015/1101/Antarctica-is-actually-gaining-ice-says-NASA.-Is-global-warming-over>

EnergyWire - DOE official sees role in helping states meet rule - 11/2/15 - A Department of Energy official hopes the agency can leverage its low-income programs to help states meet targets under U.S. EPA's Clean Power Plan. But Kathleen Hogan said she doesn't want the momentum to stop just because states act early to add renewable energy development in low-income communities. <http://www.eenews.net/energywire/2015/11/02/stories/1060027221>

ClimateWire - 'Just saying no' to EPA climate rule risks electric reliability -- grid operator - 11/2/15 - A Midwestern grid operator with territory in many states opposing U.S. EPA's Clean Power Plan is pressuring state governments to submit compliance plans in order to ensure electric reliability.

<http://www.eenews.net/climatewire/2015/11/02/stories/1060027254>

NPR - NPR Special Coverage: Does Climate Change Matter? - 11/1/15 - The United Nations is trying to get nearly 200 countries to agree on a plan to fight global warming, their summit starts November 30 in Paris. The global community has tried to address this in the past, so what is different this time? Has anything changed? <http://www.npr.org/about-npr/453920992/npr-special-coverage-does-climate-change-matter>

Phys.org - Renewables key in race against climate change clock - 11/1/15 - Any plausible game plan for capping the rise of Earth's surface temperature depends on replacing fossil fuels with energy sources that generate little or no carbon pollution. <http://phys.org/news/2015-11-renewables-key-climate-clock.html>

POWER Magazine - Turning Brownfields into Greenfields: From Coal to Clean Energy - 11/01/15 - As the coal industry declines in many places around the world, can the mines it leaves that benefit multiple stakeholders, including local economies? Several existing and planned projects demonstrate that there may be multiple paths toward that transition. <http://www.powermag.com/turning-brownfields-greenfields-coal-clean-energy/>

The Hill - Lawmakers move to block EPA rules - 11/02/15- Lawmakers in both chambers of Congress are taking direct aim at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), holding votes to overturn some of the most controversial regulations from the Obama administration. <http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/258703-week-ahead-lawmakers-move-to-block-epa-rules>

BNA - The Senate's (potentially) big month on environmental policy - 10/30/15 - Signs are pointing to a jam-packed November of Senate action on air pollution, water protection and chemical safety issues. <http://www.bna.com/senates-potentially-big-b57982062977/>

Natural Resources Defense Council (blog) - Halloween Trick: Act Now to Stop Two-Headed Senate Monster's Attacks on Clean Water - 10/30/15 - Next week, the U.S. Senate is planning to consider two pieces of legislation that would eviscerate protections for the nation's streams, lakes, and wetlands. http://switchboard.nrdc.org/blogs/jdevine/halloween_trick_act_now_to_sto.html

Lexology - Construction industry to see greater federal footprint in projects with new "waters of the United States" rule - 10/31/15 - If the regulation is ultimately upheld, its full impacts upon the construction industry remain to be seen as implementation trends emerge and evolve in the next few years and the courts determine what portions of the rule survive, and what, if any, limits to put on the agencies' jurisdiction. <http://www.lexology.com/library/detail.aspx?q=d784e175-0725-4c85-aa2d-bc35de622801>

Waste360 - Anaerobic Digestion's Role in Dealing with America's Food Waste - 11/2/15 - It is estimated that most of these food wastes are spoiled or otherwise unfit for donation. A number of waste management options exist to divert this material, as well as pre-consumer food waste, from landfills.
<http://waste360.com/anaerobic-digestion/anaerobic-digestions-role-dealing-americas-food-waste>

Military Times - Deployment environmental reports not in military health records - 11/1/15 - For more than three years, the military services have been allowed to ignore a Defense Department order requiring the inclusion of environmental assessments of combat environments in troops' medical records.
<http://www.militarytimes.com/story/military/benefits/health-care/2015/11/01/deployment-environmental-reports-not-health-records/74377338/>

Associated Press - New plant tests US appetite for seawater desalination - 11/1/15 - Supporters consider seawater desalination a partial answer to drought in the U.S. Opponents say high costs and threats to marine life leave better alternatives, like recycling and conservation.
<http://www.kansascity.com/news/business/national-international/article42130263.html>

The Daily Signal - Two Reasons to Reject Obama's 'Clean Power Plan' for Climate Change (commentary) - 11/1/15 - It is difficult to see how a U.S. envoy to Paris for the climate deal will convince the United Nations that Americans support President Obama's promise to cut carbon dioxide emissions.
<http://dailysignal.com/2015/11/01/two-reasons-to-reject-obamas-clean-power-plan-for-climate-change/>